

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-11 were pending in this Application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 4-5, 7, and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,289,342 issued to Stephen R. Lawrence et al. ("Lawrence et al.").

Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that Claims 1 and 7 (the independent claims) have been amended, such that they are easily distinguishable from the teachings of Lawrence.

Claims 1 and 7 as amended, recite that the text data is extracted from "broadcasted" communications. These include newsgroups, discussion forums, and mailing lists. The communications are "broadcasted" in the sense that they are delivered to all participants of the newsgroup, discussion forum, or mailing list.

In contrast, Lawrence teaches the extraction of data from text sources that are not participant-based. The text sources of Lawrence are literature, not interactive communications. The mailing lists and newsgroups are used to locate the text sources, and are not the text sources themselves. (Col. 8, lines 1-18).

Furthermore, Claim 1 as amended, recites that the output of the text server is at least one document from the text sources, as well as a link to that document. As defined in Claim 1, the output to the query provides contact information about the author of the document..

Lawrence does not teach a server that provides output with information about the author of the document.

In sum, Lawrence teaches the use of text sources that are different from the present invention. The output generated by Lawrence is also different from the output of the present invention. Specifically, the text sources of Lawrence are not multiple-participant-generated text sources as in the present invention.

The invention of Claims 1 and 7, as amended, is not taught by Lawrence, or obvious from the teachings of Lawrence. Claims 2-6 and 8-11 are dependent on Claims 1 and 7, respectively, and are allowable for the same reasons as Claims 1 and 7.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, with a copy of the references and a check in the amount of \$180.00, for the Examiner's review and consideration.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 1-11 as amended.

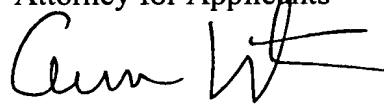
An extension of three (3) months is requested and a Notification of Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee of \$475.00 is attached herewith.

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2634.

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